

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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Wanda Duryea, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Agri Stats, Inc., et al.,

Defendants.

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Maplevale Farms, Inc.,

Plaintiff,

v.

Agri Stats, Inc., et al.,

Defendants.

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John Gross and Company, Inc.,

Plaintiff,

v.

Agri Stats, Inc., et al.,

Defendants.

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Sandee's Bakery, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Agri Stats, Inc., et al.,

Defendants.

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Ferraro Foods, Inc., et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Agri Stats, Inc., et al.,

Defendants.

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Civil No. 18-cv-1776 (JRT/HB)

**ORDER ON STIPULATION TO  
ACCEPT SERVICE OF FIRST  
AMENDED AND CONSOLIDATED  
CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND  
EXTENSION OF TIME TO  
RESPOND TO THE COMPLAINT**

Civil No. 18-cv-1803 (JRT/HB)

Civil No. 18-cv-1810 (JRT/HB)

Civil No. 18-cv-1891 (JRT/HB)

Civil No. 18-cv-1946 (JRT/HB)

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Amelia Litterer, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,

Civil No. 18-cv-2008 (JRT/HB)

v.  
Agri Stats, Inc., et al.,  
Defendants.

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Joseph Realdine, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,

Civil No. 18-cv-2044 (JRT/HB)

v.  
Agri Stats, Inc., et al.,  
Defendants.

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Olean Wholesale Grocery Cooperative, Inc.,  
Plaintiff,

Civil No. 18-cv-2058 (JRT/HB)

v.  
Agri Stats, Inc., et al.,  
Defendants.

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Bear's Restaurant Group, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,

Civil No. 18-cv-2113 (JRT/HB)

v.  
Agri Stats, Inc., et al.,  
Defendants.

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Jeffrey Allison, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,

Civil No. 18-cv-2337 (JRT/HB)

v.  
Agri Stats, Inc., et al.,  
Defendants.

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Michael Anderson, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,

v.

Agri Stats, Inc., et al.,  
Defendants.

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Phil's BBQ, Inc.,  
Plaintiff,

v.

Agri Stats, Inc., et al.,  
Defendants.

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Joe Christiana Food Distributors, Inc.,  
Plaintiff,

v.

Agri Stats, Inc., et al.,  
Defendants.

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Civil No. 18-cv-2338 (JRT/HB)

Civil No. 18-cv-2390 (JRT/HB)

Civil No. 18-cv-2405 (JRT/HB)

This matter comes before the Court on the Stipulation to Accept Service of First Amended and Consolidated Class Action Complaint and Extend Time to Respond to the Complaint, entered into by the parties and e-filed in each case listed above.

WHEREAS certain plaintiffs and defendants Agri Stats, Inc., Clemens Food Group, LLC, Hormel Foods Corporation, Indiana Packers Corporation, JBS USA, Seaboard Foods, LLC, Smithfield Foods, Inc., Triumph Foods, LLC, and Tyson Foods, Inc. (“Previously Named Defendants”) previously entered stipulations to extend time and to accept service of complaints in the related civil actions identified below (the “First Stipulations”); those stipulations were approved and corresponding orders entered by the presiding judge in each action as follows:

- a. *Duryea, et al. v. Agri Stats, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 18-CV-1776 (Dkt. 65);
- b. *Maplevale Farms, Inc. v. Agri Stats, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 18-CV-1803 (Dkt. 71);
- c. *John Gross and Company, Inc. v. Agri Stats, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 18-CV- 1810 (Dkt. 57);
- d. *Sandee's Bakery v. Agri Stats, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 18-CV-1891 (Dkt. 50);
- e. *Ferraro Foods, Inc., et al. v. Agri Stats, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 18-CV-1946 (Dkt. 45);
- f. *Litterer, et al. v. Agri Stats, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 18-CV-2008 (Dkt. 52);
- g. *Realdine, et al. v. Agri Stats, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 18-CV-2044 (Dkt.48);
- h. *Olean Wholesale Grocery Cooperative, Inc. v. Agri Stats, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 18-CV-2058 (Dkt. 39);
- i. *Bear's Restaurant Group, et al. v. Agri Stats, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 18-CV- 02113 (Dkt. 44).

WHEREAS following entry of the above orders, additional putative class plaintiffs filed four other actions as follows:

- a. *Jeffrey Allison v. Agri Stats, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 18-CV-2337;
- b. *Anderson, et al. v. Agri Stats, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 18-CV-2338;
- c. *Phil's BBQ, Inc. v. Agri Stats, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 18-CV-2390; and,
- d. *Joe Christiana Food Distributors, Inc. v. Agri Stats, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 18- CV-2405.

WHEREAS on August 17, 2018, the plaintiffs in all 13 actions ("Plaintiffs") filed three consolidated amended complaints on behalf of three putative classes of plaintiffs (collectively, the "CACs"). See, e.g., Dkt. 83 in Case No. 18-CV-01803-PJS-SER (Direct Purchaser CAC); Dkt. 63 in Case No. 18-CV-01891-JRT-SER (Commercial Food Preparer CAC); Dkt. 74 in Case No. 18-CV-01776 (Indirect

Purchaser CAC). Because the 13 cases had not yet been consolidated, identical amended complaints were filed in the various 13 actions—*i.e.*, the CAC on behalf of the putative Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs was filed in all of the direct purchaser actions. The CACs named the following additional defendants: The Clemens Family Corporation, Hormel Foods, LLC, Mitsubishi Corporation (Americas), JBS USA Food Company Holdings, Seaboard Corporation, Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc. and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc.<sup>1</sup> (the “Newly-Added Defendants”) (together with Previously Named Defendants, the “Defendants”). On Friday, September 7, 2018, all thirteen actions were consolidated before Chief Judge John R. Tunheim and the undersigned, Magistrate Judge Hildy Bowbeer.

After consideration of the Stipulation and all of the files, records, and proceedings in this case,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Stipulation is **APPROVED** as follows:

1. The Newly-Added Defendants shall accept service of the CACs with which they have not been formally served, and any future related complaints, by electronic mail on the respective counsel for each Defendant.
2. All Defendants shall answer, move or otherwise respond to the CACs by **October 23, 2018** (superseding the response date specified in the First Stipulations).

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<sup>1</sup> Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc. and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. were named in certain indirect purchasers’ prior complaints. Thus, both entities are Newly-Added Defendants only with respect to the Direct Purchasers CAC and the Commercial Food Preparers CAC.

3. The entry into this stipulation by the Defendants shall not constitute a waiver of (a) any jurisdictional defenses that may be available, (b) any affirmative defenses under Rule 8 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or otherwise, or (c) any other statutory or common law defenses that may be available to the Defendants in this or any other action.

4. Defendants shall accept service of process for the CACs by ECF, or by email sent to counsel in the event the ECF filing notice for the CACs does not identify such counsel as a recipient of the ECF notice.

**IT SO ORDERED.**

Dated: September 12, 2018

s/ Hildy Bowbeer  
HILDY BOWBEER  
United States Magistrate Judge